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Subject: Contour labels in IDL 8.0

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Greetings,

I'm having a heck of a time trying to get my contour labels to look reasonable in IDL 8.0.

If I use a y axis that is in reverse (for example plotting atmospheric pressure data from 1000 mb (at y=0) up to 100mb (y=36 in this case), all of my labels are flipped vertically (not upside-down). I have tried to specify the baseline and updir in the contour command in combination with setting C\_USE\_LABEL\_ORIENTATION=1, but these fail to change the labels. Very frustrating.

Here's a snippet of code:

```
data=fltarr(12,37)  (for reference)
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yvals=[1000,850,700,600,500,400,300,200,100]
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```
x=indgen(12)+1
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```
p=1000-25*indgen(37)
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```
image=contour(data,x,p,n_levels=ncol,c_value=clevs,  
ylog,yrange=[1000,100],xrange=[1,12],$  
ytickv=yvals,xtickv=x,C_USE_LABEL_ORIENTATION=1,C_LABEL_SHOW =[0,1])
```

(I omitted the baseline/updir keywords... I tried just about every combination of 0,1,-s, but nothing seems to impact the labeling.

If any of you can find something inherently wrong with my code OR know how to get this to work I would be extremely happy! Other than this issue, I've been relatively pleased with the transition to the new graphics system.

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